# Lafayette Recreation Committee

**May 1, 2018—Meeting Minutes**

Attending: Cindy Berlack, Kim Cowles, Launa Glover, John Hynes, Haley Ireland, Gordie Johnk, Kris Kappler, Matt Koehler (5:25), Meghan McPhaul

Absent: Adam Boyer

Guest: Andrea Price

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

Minutes from March 1 approved.

**Tri-town agreement**

Has been signed by Attorney General’s office and Franconia Selectmen. Signatures of Sugar Hill and Easton Selectmen pending.

**Pavilion update**

Fundraising now at approximately $95,000.

Ideally committee would like to proceed with project this summer. At this point, still waiting on proposal from post and beam builder in Bath. If not received by Thursday May 3, then will proceed with original design, with Presby Construction. Originally had wanted to start construction of pavilion after July 7, Andrea will reach out to Thad to determine if this date is still possible.

Still need structural engineer, project has been delayed due to this issue. Thad’s architect did not have the required insurance to complete the structural design and Jeff Tirey’s quote was high. Building inspector Allan Clark knows of another engineering firm, estimates cost at approximately $4500, significantly less than Tirey quote. However, still do not have name or details. Need engineering contract/scope/recommendations asap as this will alter Thad’s plans and may affect cost of project. Matt will reach out to Allan via text or e-mail to follow up on this and report back to committee.

**Dugout**

Kim reports that it is back up and standing! Still needs some work (replacement boards, hurricane straps, staining, fence repairs behind structure), but this can be completed over the summer and dugout is suitable for use for spring ball season. Presby did the work free of charge, Kim will write thank you note/letter on behalf of committee.

**Baseball field (at school)**

Kim has been working on getting field ready for baseball/softball season. She will need help smoothing and lining the fields as she recovers from shoulder surgery. This needs to be done prior to each game.

**Baseball/softball**

Kris reports that season is off to a good start. Numbers are small. Umpires needed, but no other issues.

**Summer program**

Kris reports that summer program planning is going well.

Four new hires—Libby Hamilton, Conor Ash, Brianna Watson, Hannah Butterfield. All are working on getting lifeguard certification.

Students entering1st grade through entering7th grade are eligible to participate. Adventure Program is for students entering 7-9 grade.

Registrations starting to trickle in.

Currently, summer rec staff starting pay is 8.50/hour with a .50 raise each year. Staff are responsible for cost of lifeguard training. Kris would like to revisit wages at some point prior to summer 2019 to ensure that we are remaining competitive with other rec programs as well as other jobs. She has reached out to other rec departments, wage information as listed below.

* Littleton base pay is 7.50-8.00/hour with adults starting at 9.00/hour. Lifeguards start at 9.50/hour.
* Bethlehem base pay is minimum wage. Lifeguards start at 9.00/hour. Bethlehem covers certifications.
* Lincoln base pay is 10/hour with 3% raise per year. Certifications provided.

**Triathlon**

T-shirts have not been sent to printer. Meghan to ask Walker family/Bishops Ice Cream to sponsor.

**Budget**

Briefly reviewed income/expenses to date. No significant expenses to date. Holly working on revising spreadsheet to make it easier to compare actual income/expenses to budget.

**Updates from Kim**

Fresh woodchips coming to Dow.

She is working on revamping kiosk at Fox Hill Park utilizing a $500 grant. Needs new signs/roof.

Trail building class is planned for May 19, crew will be working/learning on Fox Hill trails.

June 2—T-ball Jamboree, Touch-a-Truck, concert on the Dow that night (Fast Times, 80s cover band).

Airplane play structure needs to be replaced as it’s constructed out of pressure treated wood. Kim reports that there is ~$8000 in Dow Field Fund which would be used to purchase new structure. Kim asks committee to research options.

**Miscellaneous**

Committee would like to see balances of various funds (Dow Field, Rec Van, Rink Maintenance) indicated somewhere on budget spreadsheet. Meghan will ask Kim to do this.

Kris reports that Brent Detamore has organized a spring soccer league. This is not rec sponsored, but he asked that info be put on the rec website. Kris requested guidance on appropriateness of posting non-rec sponsored events on website. Committee recommend adding a separate tab for non-rec sponsored events. There was some concern from committee members that programs such as spring soccer would take kids away from rec activities (baseball, running). However, in the end, it’s a kid/family choice, we can’t prohibit others from using Dow Field, or organizing alternative programs.

April 5 meeting minutes approved.

Haley Ireland elected secretary.

Next meeting Thursday June 7, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Haley Ireland May 2, 2018.